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1. THE ITALIAN AND TURKISH PERMREPS HAVE WRITTEN TO UK AMBASSADOR KILLICK ASKING THAT THE CURRENT NAPO PROGRAM CONFIDENTIAL

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MANAGER, AIR COMMODORE SCRIMGEOUR, BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THAT POSITION. THE TEXT OF THEIR LETTERS FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 AND 3 BELOW. TURKISH PERMREP KIRCA REFERS TO KILLICK'S LETTER OF APRIL 21 WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO WASH BY REF B. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PER REF A.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF ITALIAN PERMREP'S LETTER.

SINCE ITALY MUST STILL DEFINE THE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE LEVEL OF HER, AT LEAST SO FAR "SYMBOLIC", PARTICIPATION IN THE AWACS PROGRAMME, MY AUTHORITIES ARE VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING THE BACKGROUND DATA FOR A DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FOR THIS REASON WE HOPE THAT THE PRESENT SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE UK IN NAPO WILL BE MAINTAINED. IN FACT CHANGES IN THE STAFF OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED BODY AND ESPECIALLY A CHANGE IN THE PROGRAMME MANAGER, WOULD CAUSE A, PERHAPS FATAL, DELAY FOR A VALID AND TIMELY DECISION BY THE COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN AWACS PROGRAMME. END TEXT.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF TURKISH PERMREP'S LETTER.

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER DATED 21ST APRIL, 1977, TO THE ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL, IN WHICH YOU WERE REASSURING IN UK PARTICIPATION TO NAPO'S FUTURE WORK, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RE-EMPHASIZE OUR HOPE THAT A CONTINUING UK CONTRIBUTION YIELD MORE FRUITFUL RESULTS IN AEW PROGRAMME.

FURTHERMORE, IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR A NATO AEW SYSTEM AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE CHARACTER OF A MIXED BUT INTEROPERABLE FORCE, THE PARTICIPATION OF BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES IN NAPO/NAPMA ACTIVITIES WILL BE MOST WELCOME; IN PARTICULAR IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF CONFIDENTIAL

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